THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The main reasons for mounting losses of the State Electricity Boards include low agricultural tariff, low plant load factor, high transmission and distribution losses, pilferage of power, heavy interest burden on loans, losses accruing due to rural electrification etc. In order to offset these losses and to improve the operations of the SEBs so as to achieve the statutory surplus of 3%, State Governments have been advised to take steps like capital restructuring, prompt payment of subsidy to meet the losses for supply of power to agricultural sector, timely revision of tariffs, improving the performance of generating stations and fixation of a minimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh. At the same time, the SEBs have been advised to identify specific areas of improvement which include reduction in T&D losses, economy in fuel, review of manpower cost, improvement in revenue collection etc.

Financing of power projects through sale of public bonds

1323. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are finding it difficult to raise Rs. 1650 crores through sale of public bonds for financing the central power projects;

(b) the amount of money that has been received through sale for public bonds, so far; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to raise sufficient fund for the power projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Against Rs. 1,747 crores allocated by the Finance Ministry to the various Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power against issue of Bonds for the year 1992-93, only Rs. 50 crores could be raised so far through private placement.

(c) The modes of financing Central power projects during the 8th Five Year Plan consist of additional generation of internal resources, market borrowing, Direct Foreign Assistance and Gross Budgetary Support.

Disbursement of loan for power projects

1324. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than Rs. 36,000 crore, commited as loan for various power projects in India, have not yet been disbursed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the commitment charges being paid on this loan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The commitment charges for the year 1992-93 has been estimated to be Rs. 23.36 crores for all multilateral and bilateral credit for the entire power sector.

Capacity of Thermal Power Stations in the Country

1325. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1992 and state;

(a) what is the national percentage capacity of the thermal power stations producing energy; and

(b) which is the most efficient State for running the thermal power stations to its maximum capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) During the period April—Oct., 1992, the Plant load Factor of Thermal Power Stations in the country was 53.9%.

(b) The States/System having Thermal Plant Load Factor more than the National average of 53.9% during April 92—October 92 are given below :—

States/System	Plant Load Factor (%) during April 92—October 92
Rajasthan . .	69.2
Delhi . .	68.0
Punjab . .	62.0
Tamil Nadu . .	61.1
Andhra Pradesh .	58.2
Gujarat . .	57.8
Maharashtra .	56.8
Uttar Pradesh .	56.5
Madhya Pradesh .	55.7

Power supply facilities in Maharashtra

1326. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November 1992 and state :

(a) the details of consumption of power in the State during the last four years; and

(b) whether there is a wide gap between generation and consumption of power in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The Power Supply position in Maharashtra during the period 1988-89 to 1991-92 is as under:—

(Figures in MU net)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Requirement	32325	36075	38895	42070
Availability	31366	35102	37386	40166
Shortage	959	973	1509	1904
% shortage	3.0	2.7	3.9	4.5

मध्य प्रदेश में विद्युत संकट

1327. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश में विद्युत संकट बढ़ता जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस सम्बंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) अप्रैल-अक्टूबर, 92 की अवधि के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में वास्तविक विद्युत सप्लाई का महीनेवारब्यौरा निम्नवत है :—